GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

E.F.S. & T. DEPT. – Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Deputy Conservator of Forests / Divisional Forest Officer, S.F. Division, Vijayawada and presently working as Divisional Forest Officer, CRSD, Tirupati and Sri B.S.V.R. Prasad, Forest Range Officer, Social Forestry, Range Nuzvid of Social Forestry Division, Vijayawada – Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 – Change of Inquiring Authority – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SECTION.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 56 Dated: 02-07-2021.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.43, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 28.02.2017.
2. Sri K. Ashok Kumar, Deputy Conservator of Forests, written statement of defence, dated nil.
3. From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Ref.no.9258/2015/Vig-1, dated 30.08.2017.
4. Memo.No.4703/Sec.IV/A1/2015, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 18.09.2017
5. Proceedings no.9258/2015/Vig-1(i), dated 03.10.2017 of PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur. (Appointment of Common Inquiry Officer)
6. Proceedings no.9258/2015/Vig-1(ii), dated 30.10.2017 of PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur. (Appointment of Presenting Officer)
7. From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Lr.Ref.No.9258/2015/A&DC-3, dated 21.03.2021 addressed to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry & Inquiring Authority and copy marked to Government.
8. Sri K. Ashok Kumar, Deputy Conservator of Forests / Divisional Forest Officer, CRSD, Tirupati, dated nil.

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In the Memo. 4th read above, orders were issued, according permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur for appointment of Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle as Common Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Vijayawada as Presenting Officer against the two Charged Officers i.e. Sri K. Ashok Kumar, Deputy Conservator of Forests and Sri B.S.V.R. Prasad, Forest Range Officer, Social Forestry, Range Nuzvid of Social Forestry Division, Vijayawada, for conducting regular enquiry into the charges framed against them for the irregularities committed in incurring infructuous expenditure in raising nurseries under MGNREG at Nuzvid SF Range, SF Division, Vijayawada during the year 2014-15.

2. In pursuance of the directions of the Government in the Memo. 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur issued orders appointing the Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry as Common Inquiring Authority and the Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Vijayawada as Presenting Officer vide references 5th and 6th read above, respectively.

3. Sri K. Ashok Kumar, Deputy Conservator of Forests / Divisional Forest Officer, CRSD, Tirupati in his representation 8th read above, has represented that he had attended the enquiry conducted by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry on 18.09.2019 and after that the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry was transferred and Sri N. Nageswar Rao, IFS was posted as Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry, due to which, enquiry findings could not be finalized. Further, he has also represented that

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Sri N. Nageswar Rao, IFS, presently Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry was his batchmate in ACF training and requested to change the Inquiring Authority.

4. Government have examined the matter and observed that consequent on transfer of Smt. Shanti Priya Pandey, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests from Rajahmundry to the Office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur as Chief Conservator of Forests (Admn.), Sri N. Nageswar Rao, IFS, has been posted as Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry (presently Chief Conservator of Forests) in her place. Sri N. Nageswar Rao, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests happened to be the batchmate of Sri K. Ashok Kumar in ACF training. Therefore, it has been decided to change the Inquiring Authority by appointing the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam as Inquiring Authority.

5. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991, the disciplinary authority hereby appoint the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam in place of Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry as the Inquiring Authority to conclude the inquiry proceedings on the charges framed against Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Deputy Conservator of Forests & presently working as Divisional Forest Officer, CRSD, Tirupati and Sri B.S.V.R. Prasad, Forest Range Officer, Social Forestry, Range Nuzvid of Social Forestry Division, Vijayawada and submit inquiry report within (15) days.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur shall take necessary action by directing the concerned CF/CCF, Rajahmundry to forward the copies of reports, Charge Memoranda, written statements of defence etc. to the new Inquiring Authority. The Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Vijayawada & Presenting Officer will produce other original documents relating to the case before the Inquiring Authority, on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

VIJAY KUMAR G.Srkr
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam & Inquiring Authority through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
The Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Vijayawada & Presenting Officer through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
Copy to:-
The Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry. (He is requested to hand over the connected records/material relating to the inquiry)
Sri K. Ashok Kumar, Deputy Conservator of Forests & presently working as Divisional Forest Officer, CRSD, Tirupati and Sri B.S.V.R. Prasad, Forest Range Officer, Social Forestry, Range Nuzvid of Social Forestry Division, Vijayawada through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

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SECTION OFFICER